Prices of Chillies and Turmeric

376. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the arrival of the new crops in the market the prices of chillies has crashed by nearly 75 per cent seriously affecting the farmers in the Southern States in general and Andhra Pradesh in particular;

(b) whether a similar trend has been noticed in case of turmeric;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to offer remunerative prices to the farmers of these two crops; and

(d) what reasons prevent Government from maintaining buffer stocks of these two items to stabilise prices and help the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The prices of chillies reached unprecedently high levels in December, 1988 and started declining thereafter with the arrival of new crop. The ruling prices are still much higher than those prevailing in the corresponding period of last year.

(b) No, Sir. On the contrary the prices of turmeric have displayed a firm trend after September, 1988.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Unlike oilseeds', chillies and turmeric are minor crops of localised nature.

Per Hectare Production of Foodgrains

377. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the estimated figures, separately, for Kharif and Rabi for the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 and the area under cultivation and per hectare yield for foodgrains in the country; and

(b) the figures of per hectare productivity of foodgrains in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) All-India estimates of area, production and yield of foodgrains for the year 1987-88 are given below:—

Year		Kharif	Rabi	Total
1987-88.	A	74.45	44.26	118.71
	P	73.89	64·52	138.41
	Y	993	1458	1166

A—Area (Million hectares)
P—Production (Million tonnes)
Y—Yield (Kgs per hectare)

The final estimates of area and production for the year 1988-89 are yet to be received from the States. However, according to the present assessment, the production of foodgrains this year is expected to be in the range of 95 to 96 million tonnes during Kharif season and 71.5 to 74.0 million tonnes during Rabi season.

(b) The estimates of the per hectare productivity of foodgrains in the country during the last three years are given below:

Year	(Kgs per hectare) Productivity
1985-86 . . .	1175
1986-87 . . .	1128
1987-88 . . .	1166

Constitutional Amendment for giving More Powers to Panchayats and Cooperatives

378. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working of the Panchayati Raj System in the country has been reviewed;

(b) if so, results, of that review;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Constitution to give more powers to the Panchayats and Cooperatives at the grass root level;

(d) if so, by when the required legislation is likely to be brought forward;

(e) whether the said proposal has been discussed with the State Governments; and

(f) if so, what is the reaction of State Governments thereto and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The subject of revitalisation of the Panchayati Raj system is under active consideration of the Government. No specific time-limit for completing the action can be indicated.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

किसान घाट का विकास

379. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री 29 जुलाई, 1988 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 390 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) "किसान घाट" जहां पर भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री चौधरी चरण सिंह का अन्तिम संस्कार किया गया था, की भूमि का कुल क्षेत्रफल कितना है; और

(ख) इस स्थल का विकास करने के लिए अभी तक कोई कार्यवाही न किए जाने के क्या कारण है और इस संबंध में क्या-क्या कठिनाइयां पेश आ रही हैं;

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) . (क) और (ख) : जहां स्वर्गीय श्री चरण सिंह का अन्तिम संस्कार किया गया था, उस स्थान पर समाधि का विकास करने के सम्बन्ध में अभी तक कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है । जिस चबूतरे पर स्वर्गीय चरण सिंह का अन्तिम संस्कार किया गया था, उसका घेरा पूर्व की ओर दो सीढ़ियों सहित, एक 1.83 मीटर×1.93 मीटर माप का चबूतरा और चबूतरे के पश्चिम की ओर 1.83 मीटर×1.83 मीटर माप के चबूतरे सहित 7.32 मीटर×7.32 मीटर है ।

मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों का कार्यान्वयन

380. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए नियुक्त मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों को लागू करने का मामला किस चरण में है ;

(ख) इस संबंध में अब तक की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या अब तक किसी एक भी सिफारिश को लागू किया गया है ?